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During this project, we accomplished the following:

We demonstrated a temporal imaging system based on parametric mixing that allows simple triggering from an external clock by using a time-lens-based pump laser. We integrated our temporal imaging system into a time-to-frequency measurement scheme and demonstrated the ability to perform characterization of temporal waveforms with 1.4-ps resolution and a 530-ps record length. We also integrated our system into a temporal-magnification scheme and demonstrated single-shot operation with a 113 x magnification factor, 1.5-ps resolution, and 220-ps record length.

We experimentally demonstrated wavelength-preserving spectral phase conjugation for compensating chromatic dispersion and self-phase modulation in optical fibers. Our implementation is based on a temporal imaging scheme that uses time lenses realized by broadband four-wave mixing in silicon waveguides. By constructing a temporal analog of a 4-f imaging system, we compensated for pulse distortions arising from second- and third-order dispersion and self-phase modulation in optical fibers.

Photonic systems provide access to extremely large bandwidths, which can approach a petahertz1. Unfortunately, full utilization of this bandwidth is not achievable using standard electro-optical technologies, and higher (>100 GHz) performance requires all-optical processing with nonlinear-optical elements. A solution to the implementation of these elements in robust, compact and efficient systems is emerging in photonic integrated circuits, as evidenced by their recent application in various ultrahigh-bandwidth instruments. These devices enable the characterization of extremely complex signals by linking the high-speed optical domain with slower speed electronics. We extended the application of these devices beyond characterization and demonstrated an instrument that generates complex and rapidly updateable ultrafast optical waveforms. We generated waveforms with 1.5-ps minimum features by compressing lower-bandwidth replicas created with a 10 GHz electro-optic modulator. In effect, our device allows for ultrahigh-speed direct 270 GHz modulation using relatively low speed devices and represents a new class of ultrafast waveform generators.

We experimentally demonstrated a spectral magnifier using an imaging system with two time-lenses based on four-wave mixing in a Si nanowaveguide. We achieved a magnification factor of 105 with a frequency resolution of 1 GHz. The system offers potential as a tool for single-shot, high resolution spectral measurements.

We demonstrated a single-shot technique for optical sampling based on temporal magnification using a silicon-chip time lens. We demonstrated the largest reported temporal magnification factor yet achieved (>500) and applied this

technique to perform 1.3 TS/s single-shot sampling of ultrafast waveforms and to 80-Gb/s performance monitoring. This scheme offers the potential of developing a device that can transform GHz oscilloscopes into instruments capable of measuring signals with THz bandwidths.

With the realization of faster telecommunication data rates and an expanding interest in ultrafast chemical and physical phenomena, it has become important to develop techniques that enable simple measurements of optical waveforms with subpicosecond resolution. State-of-the-art oscilloscopes with high-speed photodetectors provide single-shot waveform measurement with 30-ps resolution. Although multiple-shot sampling techniques can achieve fewpicosecond resolution, single-shot measurements are necessary to analyse events that are rapidly varying in time, asynchronous, or may occur only once. Further improvements in single-shot resolution are challenging, owing to microelectronic bandwidth limitations. To overcome these limitations, researchers have looked towards all-optical techniques because of the large processing bandwidths that photonics allow. This has generated an explosion of interest in the integration of photonics on standard electronics platforms, which has spawned the field of silicon photonics and promises to enable the next generation of computer processing units and advances in high-bandwidth communications. For the success of silicon photonics in these areas, on-chip optical signal-processing for optical performance monitoring will prove critical. Beyond next-generation communications, silicon-compatible ultrafast metrology would be of great utility to many fundamental research fields, as evident from the scientific impact that ultrafast measurement techniques continue to make. Using time-to-frequency conversion via the nonlinear process of four-wave mixing on a silicon chip, we demonstrated a waveform measurement technology within a silicon-photonic platform. We measured optical waveforms with 220-fs resolution over lengths greater than 100 ps, which represent the largest record-length-toresolution ratio (>450) of any single-shot-capable picosecond waveform measurement technique. Our implementation allows for single-shot measurements and uses only highly developed electronic and optical materials of complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor (CMOS)-compatible silicon-oninsulator technology and single-mode optical fibre. The mature silicon-oninsulator platform and the ability to integrate electronics with these CMOScompatible photonics offer great promise to extend this technology into commonplace bench-top and chip-scale instruments.

Temporal imaging systems enable the implementation of functional processing systems in robust guided-wave architectures. Powerful time lenses using ultrafast parametric nonlinear optical processes are yielding temporal imaging systems of increased functionality and intricacy, including multilens systems. Research has shown that these processing systems provide a practical approach for meeting the bandwidth demands of next-generation ultrahigh-speed technologies. We expect future work in this research area to continue to push the envelope of robust, ultrafast all-optical processing.